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Reference Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee  
on  
Foreign Language Publications

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I. Responsibilities

The specific responsibility of the Reference Subcommittee is to insure, for the Director of Central Intelligence, the coordination of IAC indexing and control measures which provide access by subject to foreign language publications.

II. Objectives and Accomplishments for 1956

- a. Inter-agency study of possible new systems for processing and retrieval by subject of all categories of intelligence source materials, including foreign language publications, led in May 1955 to the establishment by the IAC of an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Information Processing (AHIP) to coordinate future developments in this field. Membership in the new subcommittee coincided with that of the Reference Subcommittee, both as to Agency, and, in most instances, as to personal representation. As a result, many topics taken up by AHIP have had direct bearing on Reference Subcommittee objectives and in the absence of AHIP would have fallen to this group.

In recognition of the preceding, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications on 13 January 1956, directed suspension of meetings of the Reference Subcommittee and a joining of forces with AHIP so long as the latter continues in existence.

- b. During 1956 AHIP adopted and the IAC community began use of:
- 1) a common IAC inter-library loan form
  - 2) a common information report numbering system
  - 3) common standards for third agency reproduction of intelligence documents classified SECRET and below.

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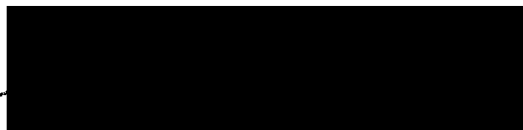
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### III. Projects Planned

At the start of 1957, AHIP Working Groups were investigating the possibilities for coordinated IAC policy in the following areas:

- 1) document security indications
- 2) common intelligence report format
- 3) equipment research
- 4) area coding systems.

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